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## Baptists of N. America May Form Alliance Proposed by Committee of Northern, Southern Baptists

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(RNS)— Both the Northern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention will be asked to give consideration at their annual sessions this month to the formation of a Baptist Alliance of North America.

The proposed alliance would be patterned after the Baptist World Alliance and, though non-legislative, would provide opportunity for all recognized Baptist bodies on the continent to "give a united expression of their Christian witness."

Establishment of such an organization is to be recommended by the Joint Committees on Conference between the two major Baptist groups. The committees on Conference between the two major Baptist groups. The committees, headed by Dr. W. R. White of Waco, Texas, for Southern Baptists and W. C. Coleman of Wichita, Kansas, for Northern Baptists, were appointed at the 1947 sessions to discuss "common problems."

These "common problems" have arisen in varying interpretations of comity agreements affecting territorial boundaries of the two groups. Center of the "problems" now are the states of Kansas, Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington where some established church and some newly organized churches have pledged co-operation with Southern Baptists, territory.

The report of the two committees, already drawn up and approved for presentation to Southern Baptists meeting at Memphis May 19-23 and to Northern Baptists meeting at Dallas May 23-27.

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## Visiting Preachers To Speak in Memphis Churches May 23

Most Memphis churches will have visiting Baptist preachers in their pulpits on Sunday, May 23, the closing day of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The list of Baptist Churches and the names of the visiting preachers follows:

Ardmore, W. L. Holcomb, Jackson; Bartlett, H. R. Carlton, Miami, Fla.; Bellevue, W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas; Berclair, Rudy Bourland, Gainesville, Texas; Boulevard, C. H. Franks; Breedlove, R. L. Holmes, LaFayette, La.; Buntyn St., A. C. Baker, Louisville, Ky. Central Ave., J. W. Fuller, Fort Worth, Texas; Collierville, J. R. Reedy, Eupora; Cordova, Wm. I. Barkley, Richmond, Va.; Elliston, Harvey Gray, Johnson City, Tenn.; First Baptist, Louie Newton, Atlanta, Ga.; Fisherville, H. B. Woodward; Highland Heights, T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tenn.; Hollywood, L. E. Barton, Montgomery, Ala.; LaBelle, J. D. Grey, New Orleans, La.; Lamar Heights, J. L. Robertson, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Levi, A. L. Goodrich, Jackson; Malcomb, Avenue, C. G. Bowles, Knoxville, Tenn. Mallory Heights, T. H. Dorris, Miami, Fla.; McLean, F. F. Brown, Ripley, Tenn.; Millington, J. W. Talbert, Jackson; Mt. Pisgah, Ray Herrington, Chumkey; Merton Avenue, B. Locke Davis, Anniston, Ala.; National Ave., J. H. Wright, St. Louis, Mo.; Oakville, F. W.

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## Rending of the Veil

By W. R. Pettigrew, Pastor, Walnut Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.



W. R. PETTIGREW

(Editor's Note: For the sake of those who could not attend the Southern Baptist Convention, we are reproducing the major portion of the powerful message delivered, in which the Saviour was exalted and the challenge to His followers made clear.)

Text: And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. (Matthew 27:51)

The Holy of Holies was a cubical chamber in the Temple. Within its mysterious gloom dwelt God — God, greatly to be feared, distant and unapproachable by ordinary man. A mighty veil hung before the shrine. It was "curiously wrought" in colors of blue, purple, and scarlet. It was supported by pillars overlaid with gold and hung from hooks of solid gold.

In the moment when the crucified Christ had finished drinking the bitter cup of our redemption, and had dismissed His Spirit to the Father, and, as the earth quaked, and, as rocks were rent, and, as graves gave up their dead: "Behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom."

This sacred sign meant: (1) That atonement had been made; (2) That a "new and living way" to God had been laid; (3) That all believers to the priesthood had been ordained.

### The Rending of the Veil Meant That

#### Atonement Had Been Made

The high priest dared not go beyond the veil and into the presence of God until first the life and blood of

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## Report and Recommendations Of The Joint Committees on Conference of the Northern and Southern Conventions

The Joint Committees on Conference unanimously adopted the following statements and recommendations, following thorough and mutual conference. We believe that there should be a new spirit of mutual understanding and appreciation between Northern and Southern Baptists.

After hours of conference and investigation, we find a large majority in both Conventions agree, to an encouraging extent, in fundamental Baptist principles.

We find, likewise, that in some cases where criticism has arisen, it has come rather from personality than principle.

It is our conviction, that, since we have so much in common as Baptists we should exercise a spirit of Christian charity at the points at which we differ without compromise of the principles of either Convention.

Your Committee calls attention to previous recommendations by similar committees and the actions taken by the Northern and Southern Conventions as follows:

### Episcopalians Plan National Radio Program

NEW YORK —(RNS)— Plans for a weekly, nation-wide Protestant Episcopal radio program were authorized here by the Presiding Bishop's committee on radio. The program, being prepared by the department of promotion, will get under way about October 1.

According to Robert D. Jordan, director of promotion, Episcopal clergymen will shortly receive complete information as to the nature of the broadcast and methods of keying it into the program of a parish.

First. In 1912 a Joint Committee of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions presented a report, which was later adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention and the Northern Baptist Convention and was reaffirmed by a Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1942, which statement expresses the conviction of this Committee to wit:

"We recognize the following as fundamental Baptist principles:

#### (I) "Fundamental Principles.

"1. The independence of the local Baptist church.

"2. The moral interdependence and the cooperation of Baptists churches in promoting the interests of the Kingdom of God.

"3. The purely advisory nature of all denominational organizations in their relation to Baptist churches.

#### (II) "Organizing Principles.

"The voluntary principle should rule

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## Executive Committee Elects Martin J. Gilbert LeTourneau Evangelist, Stewardship Man



REV. M. J. GILBERT

With all but two members present, the Executive Committee of the Convention Board met in the office of the Executive Secretary, D. A. McCall on May 13. They were able to find State Mission monies for most of the few requests in hand.

Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Butler, Alabama, was named as the LeTourneau Evangelist and Stewardship man. Brother Gilbert was formerly Association Missionary in Deer Creek, our largest association, where he did such good work that he was called by the Lauderdale Association. Again he led in successful endeavors. The Executive Committee heard strong words of commendation for Mr. Gilbert from pastors and laymen. He is scheduled to begin work with the convention Board July 1, 1948, and will be open for dates from that time forward.

The Executive Committee and other denominational laborers are grateful for expressions of appreciation, the

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### REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued from Page One)

In all general organizations among Baptists.

"Contiguous Baptist churches should unite in district associations and in State Conventions for the promotion of the Kingdom of God and their common denominational interests. The ideal organization is one association in a given state. There may be local conditions however, which make impracticable the immediate attainment of this ideal.

#### (III) "Concerning Comity."

"1. Financial aid given to churches by a general denominational body should create gratitude to God and promote Christian fraternity in service, but should not impair in any way the freedom of autonomy of the church or churches receiving such aid.

"2. Denominational organizations of every kind should 'jealously regard the right of all sister organizations and of the churches, being always careful to promote unity and harmony and to maintain inviolate the highest principles, thus exemplifying the noblest function of liberty, to wit: a proper respect for the liberties of others.'

"3. No Baptist body should use its influence to disintegrate or injure the work of any other Baptist bodies. Every Baptist organization should be an integrating and constructive force."

Second. In 1943, the Committees of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions expressed the urgency of cooperative action and mutual understanding and confidence as follows:

"In a sorely stricken and divided world, dissevered by racial, economic and religious differences and hatreds, the churches of Christ face both a danger and an opportunity. We, therefore, that we may find for ourselves a deeper and more abiding unity, and in loving obedience to the injunction of our Lord, counsel the churches, ministers and officers of our respective Conventions to refrain from invidious and harmful criticism and comment, each upon the other, and to respect fully the rights of individual conscience and private judgement upon which our Baptist policy rests, that we may present to the world an example of that unity and good will which are essential to the effectiveness of our Christian witness."

In view of the foregoing actions, we recommend to our respective Conventions:

1. That we reaffirm these aforesaid Baptist principles and comity agreements.

2. That the Conventions request all agencies, Boards and Societies and educational institutions to seek to promote confidence, mutual understanding and good will for fellow Baptist groups and to avoid harmful criticism, uninvestigated rumor and unbrotherly attitudes.

3. That we urge all Baptist churches to seek to work together in their local areas in the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

4. We believe that the spirit of fellowship and good will and the interests of the Kingdom of Christ, as interpreted by Baptists, would be promoted by a Baptist Alliance of North America. If Baptists are to make vital in the life of our world the fundamentals of our faith, a positive and united effort must be developed. We, therefore recommend:

That consideration be given to the establishment of such a Baptist Alliance of North America, patterned after the Baptist World Alliance, through which recognized Baptist bodies of North America may give a united expression of their Christian witness.

5. We further recommend that the committees be continued, for the purpose of carrying forward the foregoing recommendations.

We express our appreciation for the privilege given us by our Conventions of serving on this committee. We, also wish to record our appreciation of the fine spirit shown by the member of the Committee in the consideration of our common problems.



Blue Mountain, Miss., April 19—These Blue Mountain College students have volunteered for work this summer with the Girls' Auxiliary Camps that will be held at Camp Garaway under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Left to right: Mary Eleanor Braddock, Ripley; Marjorie Cox, Gulfport; Margaret McMullen, Sumner; Jeanne Nelms, Gadsden, Ala.; Mary Blanche McMullen, Sumner; Frances Estes, Picayune; Boots Hicks, Sledge; and Myra Holland, Slate Springs.

## G. A. Recognition Service at Gunnison

Under the direction of G. A. counselor, Mrs. T. M. Milling of Perthshire, members of the Gunnison Church Girls' Auxiliary had an impressive recognition service, at which time 20 young ladies advanced in their G. A. work.

Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Boyle, Bolivar Association Young People's Leader, presented the awards. The Maiden award was present to Patsy Cole, Ellen Darby, Becky Earp, Dorothy Ferguson, Margaret Garrett, Evelyn Hankins, Elizabeth McGee, Anna Bess Wachter, Betty Watkins, and Nora Worsham; emblems for Ladies - in - Waiting were presented to Julia Gilbert, Montez Holcombe, Martha Knowlton, Betty Simpson, Mary Simpson; the Princess award was presented to Dorothy Sue Earp, Martha Bradley McGee, Becky Jean Milling, Betty Sue Whittington, and Rochie Whittington. Candle lighters were Frances Holcombe and Betty Sue Hollis. Peggy Cole served as Herald.

Pastor H. Christy Schjeveland gave the benediction, after which those present were served punch and individual cakes that were iced with the G. A. colors, green and white, and bearing the gold G. A. monogram.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTS (Continued from Page One)

same as a pastoris for those coming from his membership. The Covington Board Office has been rather flooded with expressions of love and appreciation for several months. The most recent comes from one of our most dynamic Pastors' Conferences and was read to the Executive Committee as follows:

"At a regular meeting of the Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference in Laurel, Mississippi, on April 18, 1948, it was unanimously voted that the said Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference give to our beloved secretary, Dr. D. A. McCall, and our efficient Executive Committee a word of our deep love, appreciation, and confidence.

We herewith evidence to you such love, appreciation, and confidence and pray God's blessings upon each of you.

T. R. COULTER, President  
J. B. STEWART, Secretary

Dr. A. L. Aulick, of New Mexico, has been added to the staff of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California. He will head-up the work in Greek New Testament. Dr. Aulick holds the following degrees: A. B.; A. M.; B. D.; Th. D.

### RENDING THE VEIL

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a bullock had been offered up for his, and the sins of his family. Furthermore, when he went beyond the veil he bore in his hands the blood which had been shed for the sins of the people!

Before the veil was rent and the way was opened for all men to come to God, atoning blood for the sins of all men had to be shed.

Isaiah had prophesied that His visage would be marred "more than any man." Before Caiaphas they spat upon Him, buffeted Him and smote Him with the palms of their hands. If, if — your eyes can endure to behold the sight, look on His torn and bleeding face and know that this, too, is atoning blood that had to be shed before there could be the rending of the veil!

Pilate has condemned Him to be scourged, and He is about to receive the chastisement of our peace and the stripes of our healing upon shoulders that have never bowed under any sins but ours. The rugged Roman with the cruel whip cut into His quivering flesh, and blood streams down! This, too, is atoning blood that had to flow before the "new and living way. . . through the veil, that is to say, his flesh," could be opened for sinful men to come to God! In mockery they press a thorny crown down on the finely chisled brow of the Son of God. From under the piercing points of each in-turned thorn there streams blood—atoning blood.

Atop gray Golgotha two crosses already stand with their victims. A third cross lies upon the ground and by it stands the Lamb of God. The soldiers strip Him, visiting torturing humiliation upon Him. They stretch His already bleeding body upon the cross and drive spikes through His hands—hands that had blessed little children — and spikes through His feet—feet that had followed wandering mankind along the torturous path of their sin to their deepest hell. The cross is lifted and dropped into its place. The spikes tear His hands and feet. See, from His hand and feet, blood streaming, streaming, streaming down!—atoning blood that had to be shed before the veil between man and God could be rent!

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

"It is finished. Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from top to the bottom."

Atonement — full atonement — had been made! Christ had tasted death for every man and "whosoever" could now come to God. There was no veil between!

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### VISITING PREACHERS TO

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Wood, Knoxville, Tenn.; Park Ave., Leonard Sanderson, Hunting, Tenn.; Parkway, J. F. McLelland, Shreveport, La.; Prescott Memorial, Duke McCall, Nashville; Raleigh, James F. Cole, Fort Worth.

Seventh Street, Thomas Hansen, Jacksonville, Fla.; Shirley Park, Fred McCauley, California; Speedway Terrace, J. W. Raley, Shawnee, Okla.; Sylvan Heights, Lloyd Shelton; Union Ave., C. H. Bolton, Miami; Temple, Norman Shands, Spartanburg, S. C.; Whitehaven, Foreign Missionary; Marked Tree Ark.; A. A. Carlton; First West Memphis, Ark.; Herman Westmoreland, Houston, Texas; Eudora, L. G. Frey, Nashville, Tenn.

Epworth Methodist, C. J. Giers, Birmingham, Ala.; First Methodist, Wade Bryant, Roanoke, Va.; Jackson Ave. Methodist, C. E. Autrey, West Monroe, La.; Madison Heights Methodist, Richard Owen, Clarksville, Tenn.; St. John's Methodist, W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville, Ky.; St. Mark's Methodist, Houston Smith, Pineville, La.; Union Ave. Methodist, F. C. Eastham, Springfield, Mo.; St. Paul's Methodist, R. Wade McKay.

Everett Memorial Methodist, G. M. Turner, Danville, Va.; Central Christian, B. C. Land, Jackson; Decatur St. Christian, L. T. Hastings, Monroe, La.; Linden Avenue Christian, E. D. Head, Fort Worth, Texas; Merton Ave. Christian, H. L. Jones, Elk City, Okla.; Hollywood Christian, O. K. Webb, Charleston, S. C.

First Presbyterian, J. M. Dawson, Washington, D. C.; Highland Heights Presbyterian, A. F. Crittendon; Idewild Presbyterian, W. R. Wenti; Lamar Heights Presbyterian, Norris Gilliam, Nashville, Tenn.; Lindsey Memorial Presbyterian, W. R. Rigell; Second Presbyterian, Dick Gresham; Westminster Presbyterian, T. S. Boehm, Lakeland, Fla.; Central Cumberland Presbyterian, J. E. Dillard, McLemore Avenue Presbyterian, J. W. Stephenson.

### BAPTISTS OF N. AMERICA (Continued from Page One)

Northern Baptists meeting at Milwaukee May 24-30 will recommend the reaffirmation of previous comity agreements, the promotion of "confidence, mutual understanding and good will for fellow Baptist groups," and avoidance of "harmful criticism, uninvestigated rumors and unbrotherly attitudes."

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"That consideration be given to the establishment of such a Baptist Alliance of North America, patterned after the recognized Baptist bodies of North America may give a united expression of their Christian witness."

The reference to the Baptist World Alliance type of organization evidently means that no Baptist group would lose its identity nor any of its present authority. The Alliance simply would be a fellowship for the promotion of good will among Baptists and the ability for Baptists to speak unitedly on social and religious matters.

Such an organization would allow a united voice for some 13,000,000 Baptists on the North American continent, including 138,059 Canadian Baptists, 4,428,719 Negro Baptists, 1,541,991 Northern Baptists, 6,270,819 Southern Baptists, and 560,000 in smaller Baptist groups.

FARGO, N. D.—(RNS)—North Dakota newspapers were charged here with a "virtual conspiracy of silence" on the anti-garb issue by the Rev. C. A. Armstrong, secretary of the North Dakota Interchurch Council.



# Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, Phones 4-6384 and 3-2476, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi. Home Phone 3581, Clinton, Mississippi.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

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	Co-operative Program Designated		Total
April 1947	\$67,089.99	\$67,143.28	\$134,233.27
April 1948	62,776.77	98,921.02	161,697.79

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From these figures we note a slight loss in Co-operative Program contributions this April as against April of last year. We need to watch this. Each church should see that it supports all the work of Christ with contributions to all causes through the Co-operative Program. Every church not having already done so should send in Co-operative Program contributions for the first six months of this year. The above figures show a splendid gain in total contributions for this April over April a year ago in the amount of \$27,464.52. That is the way it should be. God's people should go on and up! Doxology!

## TWO IMPORTANT DATES

First, a great statewide Stewardship Meeting at Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Dr. Paul Horner, pastor, Monday, September 6, starting at 9:30 a. m. with sessions morning, afternoon, and evening. The Brotherhood will have charge of the evening service making it a joint affair. Plan to attend.

Second, Sunday, September 26, has been designated by the Clarke Memorial College Trustees and the Campaign Advisory Committee of nearly 100 pastors and laymen as Clarke Memorial College offering day. Clarke College is forty years old next September. Help make it a great Ruby Celebration.

## III

We told some of you the Clarke College Campaign figures would be in this issue! That was the schedule. They are in the hands of our printers. However, our editor asked us to hold them a week to help him. We are always glad to cooperate. Watch for the figures next week.

## IV

Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church is building additional educational space. Pastor Homer Roberson is one of our most dynamic younger pastors, ably assisted by Mr. Lee Chambers, Music Director. An unusually fine spirit characterizes the church. We were privileged to preach for them in revival series a few days. There were eleven additions. On Sunday they broke all former Sunday School attendance records.

We had fellowship with Brother Phil Walker who is one of our finest Association Missionaries. Some of the fine pastors of the country and others near by were present for some of the services.

On Sunday afternoon we were with Ridgeland Baptist Church, north of Jackson, as they went into their new building. This is another church helped by State Missions. Brother Richard A. Miller, a fine Mississippi College student, is pastor.

This church, like a number of others, came into its own between sessions of the Convention Board. It experienced growing pains. It got the building fever. They came to the Executive Committee with an urgent request for State Mission aid. We had the State Mission monies available. What would you have done? Would you have given the aid out of surplus monies on hand? Or, would you have in effect said, "Our Baptist work is hampered by red tape and technicalities and we cannot consider helping you until the end of the year." The Executive Committee did the Christ like thing and extended the help.

Incidentally, the W. M. U. Department was not given all the help for which they asked by the Board. After the Board meeting they came to the Executive Secretary and the Executive Committee and received an additional grant of approximately \$5,000.00. Maybe this was a mistake and the Executive Committee was criticized for it, but we think they again acted in the Spirit of Christ. The W. M. U. felt that they had to have an automobile and they did not have money for it. We found the money in Baptist Record sur-

plus and the Executive Committee granted \$1,200.00 for this purpose in the spirit of helpfulness. Maybe it was a mistake and the Executive Committee was criticized for it, but they felt it worthy at the time.

Our county and town churches many times do not plan as far ahead as do some other churches. We do not think we are going to encourage them by posting a "No" in their faces when they know we have State Mission monies in hand.

## V

The first and finest thing in the Clarke College Campaign is not the large money received -- as necessary as that is! The best thing resulting from the Campaign is the fact that through a great publicity feature many choice boys and girls are contemplating joining others like them there in college. A college official told us sometime ago that prospective students had made such demand upon their catalog supply that the catalogs on hand were exhausted. Others had to be printed.

If these students are to be cared for the college must have more space. They have had a waiting student list there for two or more years.

If these students are to be adequately cared for the college must have more equipment! These students are among the best! They are giving themselves to the best things! They are attending one of our best institutions! Let us give some of the Lord's money to Clarke College that it may give more of the best to those who come that way!

## VI

The power of God is seen in the growth of the early church as follows: Read I Thessalonians 1:1-10. "An hundred and twenty," Acts 1:15. "And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls," Acts 2:41. "And the Lord added to the church daily, such as should be saved," Acts 2:47. "Howbeit many of them which heard the Word believed, and the number of men was about 5,000," Acts 4:4. "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul," Acts 5:14. "And the Word of God increased, and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly," Acts 6:7. Note the growth -- 120; 3,000; 5,000 men; added daily, multitude; multitudes; multiplied, and greatly multiplied!

Some variously estimated the membership at from 30,000 -- 60,000. At least the growth is unparalleled in history!

Why this growth? First, Jesus gripped their hearts! He was the center of their affections! He was the subject of their conversations! They were not giving themselves to a thousand things but to the business of making Christ known. Today everybody is tending to the business of everybody else and trying to run everything under the sun. Definitely we are not engaged first in soul winning!

Second, they were faithful in the use of the Word of God. They that were scattered abroad went everywhere teaching the Word. They knew the Word of God! They loved the Word of God! They believed the Word of God! They lived the Word of God! They used the Word

of God! Today we use little of it in teaching, preaching, burial services, wedding ceremonies, et cetera!

Third, they went not in their own power but in the power of the Holy Spirit, i. e. "Peter being filled with the Holy Ghost," Acts 4:8. "He is given to them that obey Him." You can have Him!

Fourth, every believer had a part in witnessing -- in the business of the Lord Jesus Christ. They did not leave it to a paid ministry, or to a hired staff. They did not feel they had to hold an office in order to participate!

Fifth, they prayed. They prayed much! They prayed for ten days and preached a few minutes and had 3,000 conversions. We preach ten days, pray a few minutes and have a few conversions. Why reverse the New Testament Holy Spirit approved order?

One thing they prayed for was boldness to speak and live for Jesus! How we need that today! We are afraid! We are cowards! We have available the same power they had! Why not use it! Why not claim it!

As church members we need to think less about what the church can do and more about what I may do for Christ in winning the lost!

Constant clamoring for internal support instead of proclaiming and exercising a militant and all conquering gospel will produce: 1. Weakness; 2. Inactivity; 3. Incompetency; 4. Bickering, and 5. Religious anarchy. Not a sponge but a fountain; not a desert but a delta; not an amoeba but a flower; not a consumer but a producer, and not a parasite but a river of life. John 3:16.

Sixth, they exercised themselves in generous giving. They brought it in. A committee did not have to prize them away from their money. Jesus settled that matter for them. "Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold!"

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## ELRAINE GOES FORWARD Pastor Newman Is Grateful

Elrairie Church, one of the newest of Jackson's suburban churches, is making many advances under the leadership of Pastor Raymond R. Newman.

First Church of Jackson has voted financial assistance which will enable the church to purchase a building from Camp Shelby. This building will be remodeled for use as a Sunday School annex.

Other organizations have grown as follows: Sunday School from a record attendance of 96 in 1947 to 173 in 1948; Training Union from 50 to 109. The Sunday School superintendent is R. C. Ingraham, and the Training Union director is Mrs. Ora Alford.

Dr. W. E. Greene recently led in a revival. There were 18 additions, 11 by baptism. Since the revival, there have been 20 additions, 12 by baptism.

Pastor Newman states that he is most grateful to all the friends and members who have been a blessing to him, and who have helped in any way. He is also thankful for the splendid help given by Mrs. L. R. Williams and Mrs. Lewis Yarborough in the Training Union.

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In sending in one name to be added to the Rocky Springs, Yazoo County, list which now includes every resident family, Mrs. R. B. Shurley, church clerk, states that the church has completed paying for the four new Sunday School rooms and has installed a butane gas system.

## Chaplain Alexander Accepts Pastorate at Fernwood



REV. RICHARD L. ALEXANDER

Rev. Richard L. Alexander, Chaplain, (Lieutenant Colonel United States Army, Retired), has been called as supply pastor for the next three months by Fernwood Baptist Church (Bowen Memorial) in the Gulf Coast Association. Chaplain Alexander, is a native of the Coast having spent his boyhood in Gulfport and has held a Commission in the Army in the Chaplain's Corps for eighteen years, and for the past eleven years has served as one of the Vice Presidents of the National Association of Army and Navy Chaplains.

Chaplain Alexander's military career has been a varied and interesting one. He has held assignments as Regimental, Post, Deputy Command, Supervisory and Field Administrative, Chaplain for military and civilian personnel in such commands. During the late war he served as the Senior Administrative Chaplain for Major General Gray's Command and for Major General Littlejohn's Command, and in these respective assignments he served also, as the Military Pastor for the American Church in Rome, Lyon, Strasbourg and Paris.

The Chaplain received his education at Howard College, in Birmingham, the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, the New York School of Social Work, in New York, in addition to his theological studies. He was injured in Italy and has recently been retired from the Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

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## BALL RESIGNS BEAUMONT, ACCEPTS PEARL HAVEN

Rev. Paul Z. Ball has resigned his work at Beaumont Church, Perry County, to accept the pastorate at Pearl Haven church, Brookhaven effective June 4.

During his three years at Beaumont, the church has gone from half time to added, a \$4,000 pastorium has been bought, and Sunday School rooms have been added in the basement of the church annex.

Mrs. Ball has been an outstanding worker in every phase of the church work, especially in WMU and Sunday School.



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## A Good Plan

According to the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina state paper, as a result of a discussion on the Roman Catholic situation in the United States recently at the Fellowship Club of the Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, a committee was appointed by the church to arrange for placing copies of the Biblical Recorder in the Union Bus Station in that city.

The idea is that Baptists should be at least as alert and energetic in getting our literature in the hands of the people as the Roman Catholics, or, other religious bodies.

Ten copies of the Biblical Recorder, paid for by the church, are now being placed in the bus station each week for free distribution to the public.

We recommend this plan to Mississippi Baptist churches. Plan now to place the Baptist Record in hotel lobbies, bus station, and railroad stations. People of other faiths get their ideas before the public by placing their literature in public places. Baptists should be equally alert.

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## How To Read the Gospels

People often speak about the difficulty they have in reading the Bible. Sometimes they are frank enough to say that they just can't find it interesting. No wonder, for most of us have never been taught how to read the Bible. Since the most important part of the Bible is the New Testament and the most

important books in the New Testament are the four Gospels, let us start our Bible reading with the life of Jesus. How shall one read the Gospels?

First, where shall we begin? No, not with Matthew which comes first in the New Testament. Begin with Mark, not because Mark is the shortest of the Gospels and the oldest, but rather, because it is the basis of Matthew and Luke, and is more full of action, simpler, and more straightforward than the others.

How much shall we read at the first sitting? Right here is where most of the difficulty with Bible reading comes in. Our Bible reading consists too often of a chapter, or a verse of a few verses, which may be useful on many occasions, and none of which we are ruling out, but the way to really know Jesus Christ is to read the Gospels each at a sitting. It takes about one hour and a quarter to read the Gospel of Mark out loud—considerably less when read to oneself. We never hesitate to read that long or longer when we start in on a fast-moving shot story in a magazine.

When you read Mark thoughtfully through at one sitting you will get a conception of Jesus you never got before. Never again will you doubt that He was wholly and uniquely divine. Never again will you have any question about the trustworthiness of Mark's record. You catch the spirit of a humble conscientious writer determined to preserve the testimony of eyewitnesses to a great miracle, a great tragedy, a great new beginning of something that can never stop—a light shining in the darkness.

If you read Mark through at one sitting, you will want to read more about Jesus. You have three more records. We suggest you read Matthew next, but read it at one sitting. Matthew repeats practically every line of Mark but adds much of what Jesus said in his sermons to the people. The greatest sermon ever preached is found in Matthew 5, 6 and 7, and another in Chapter 10 and there are at least four others. Sit down some evening and read the whole of the book of Matthew. It will take you possibly an hour and a half. Its teachings have been gradually remaking the world. Your very experience in the reading of the book cannot help but transform your spirit.

If you read Mark and Matthew as suggested, you will be profoundly grateful that there is another sketch of Jesus' life for you to read. Luke, also based on Mark, has been called the most beautiful book ever written. Because Luke wrote for Gentiles rather than for

Jews, you will feel you are getting a little closer to Jesus than even Matthew led you. Furthermore Luke's practical humanitarianism will appeal to you. Luke is the American's Gospel. Read Luke exactly the same length as Matthew.

You have one crowning experience awaiting you. John's Gospel was written much later than the others. All over the Roman world people persecuted for their faith had found Christ as Saviour, and John reads these experiences back into his story of Jesus' life. If you have read the other three Gospels, as suggested John will become almost a personal experience as you read it. Jesus will be to you the Bread of Life and The Light of the World. He will be the Way, the Truth and the Life. You will be born again.

We beg of you take four evenings and in the manner suggested, read the Gospels.

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## Information Wanted

A few people who write the Baptist Record use terms that are not always specific. Below we quote some of them and if anyone knows the meaning, they will be doing the editor a favor to send him the information.

1. A goodly number.
2. A large majority.
3. Approximately.
4. About.
5. Recently.
6. About twenty-five or thirty.
7. A short time.
8. Around forty.
9. The majority of which.
10. Fifty or sixty additions.

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## Money Is Not The Determining Factor

Quite often people, most of them not knowing whereof they speak, say in various ways, that many people enter the ministry for the money they get out of it.

For their benefit and for the encouragement of hard working, sacrificial preachers, we give below a recent news item concerning a prominent business man who resigned an executive position paying \$20,000 per year to accept a pastorate paying \$2,000.

YORK, Pa. —(RNS)— Resignation of an industrial executive from a \$20,000-a-year job to accept a \$2,000 post as minister in the Evangelical United Brethren Church has been announced by the Church's 109th annual Central Pennsylvania Conference here.

The new minister is Paul E. Lease, former, assistant sales manager of B. M. Root and Company, York machinery parts manufacturing company. He will become pastor of the Hughesville, Pa., church.

It is true that some few people

may enter the ministry because of what they hope to gain financially. But this kind, what few there are, never amount to much. And by their acts their goal is soon well-known.

The ministry is a God-called profession and most of those in this high calling are there because they could not resist God's call any longer. If their own personal feelings were consulted, 9 out of 10 of our preachers would be following some other vocation.

As to the unfair charge that preachers are in it for the money, we would reply that most of them get far less than equal ability could command in secular occupations. The above news item confirms this statement.

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## What Is Faith?

By L. Edward Smith, Th. D.

What is faith? For some faith is the evidence pointing in the opposite lieving on inadequate evidence or with direction—a leap into the dark with close minds and eyes. This is to define faith as incredulity, mystery, wishful thinking. According to the Christian interpretation, faith is positive trust in God in which God as revealed in Christ becomes positioned in the life as Saviour and Lord. This is "saving faith." A college boy defined it as "betting your life there is a God." The philosopher defined it as "the soul's invincible surmise." Paul termed it, "being justified by faith." Christ said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

Life not only begins "in faith" but life is lived in faith. One does not eat his dinner or lie on his bed at night without faith that his food will nourish not poison him, that his bed will support not suffocate him. If it is true that sixty-five patients out of every hundred who go to see the doctor have functional rather than organic disorders, then simple faith in the doctor will have a greater curative power than the druggist's pills—the doctor might prescribe the latter to get the former. One does not or should not marry without faith that the other person will cooperate to build a home. Consciously or unconsciously we live out each common day by faith. Without faith the greatest values in life cannot be known and enjoyed: the beauty of a sunset, the richness of friendship, the inspiration of great music, or the appreciation of art and literature. These values are ours not through our own strivings, but through commitment—we simply open our lives to them and they become our possession. But the question is not, "Shall we live by faith?" The question is, "In what or whom shall we have faith?" We need Someone other than ourselves, Someone greater than ourselves to give ourselves to for assurance and power for living. King George VI expressed it in his Christmas message in 1940 during the blitz of London. "I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely the unknown,' and he replied, 'Go out in to the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.'"



## -- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y. — Miss Nell Taylor

**WINSTON ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. MEETING** — The Supt., Mrs. Boydston writes "The meeting at Noxapater was one of the best I have ever attended. The program was good, each Woman's Missionary Society reported outstanding work or problems in her particular society by way of round table discussion. Bro. Watson of Louisville made a splendid talk."

**WAYNE ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U.** — The Wayne County W. M. U. held its quarterly meeting at the Clara Baptist Church. In the roll call, we found Clara had 12 women enrolled and 11 present!

A summary of the missionary messages of the State W. M. U. Convention were given by four of the Waynesboro women. An offering was taken to buy baby food and send to the George W. Truitt Home for Abandoned Babies in Palestine. An inspiring message was brought by Pastor J. J. Roberts on the theme for the day "Jesus Shall Reign."

**The Missionary Library Fund** — a part of the offering received at the State W. M. U. Convention, made possible the sending of a year's subscription to the **Readers Digest** to Mississippi Missionaries: — 39 of them! I am sure that each Missionary would like to express appreciation but we will let Miss Pearl Caldwell speak for the group:

"My dear W. M. U. Friends of Miss.: Again may I say — thank you — for your love and interest. I have received notice from the Readers Digest that you are again sending me Readers Digest for the year 1948. I do enjoy the magazine and appreciate your remembering me in this good way. May our Fathers rich blessing abide on you each and may we each be channels of blessings for our Saviour this year."

All Mississippian's will be interested in the following excerpt from a recent letter of the McGalmery's, our missionaries in Colombia:

The mission work in this country is truly a miracle of modern missions. We have four churches in this city of 200,000 people, after just six years of Baptist work here. But when we begin to sense the needs, the burden of the lost condition of the masses, as well as their material and physical needs, weighs down upon us to the extent that we can hardly bear it sometimes. I think the sight of the little, dirty, unwanted and neglected children is the most difficult of all. We do so need a home in which to place them. Then the matter of disease and the lack of facilities to treat them has resulted in active T. B. cases either staying in the crowded houses with their families until they die, or being carried to a terrible substitute of a sanitarium where they are placed in crowded quarters with other active, dying cases, and left there without treatment until they die. One of was carried there and when the missionaries went to visit her, they had to scare the big rats away from the tray of stale scraps that had been placed there several days before for her food, but never removed. All of this makes us feel how very imperative it is for us to have a good, clean,

(if small) Baptist clinic or hospital with a ward to care for such terrible needs. **DO KEEP PRAYING THAT THIS MEDICAL LICENSE MAY BE GRANTED BEFORE LONG.** Dr. McGalmery has been able to do a bit of medical service, but it must be under the supervision of this Colombian Doctor with whom we came from New York, and who seems to be a real friend, though he is not yet a Christian. Dr. McGalmery was told last week that if he is able to do nothing more than treating and giving new life to one of our native pastors since he has been here that his coming will have been infinitely worthwhile. You see, there are so few trained and capable native pastors that one pastor lost would be almost a tragedy. This very point will give you an additional reason to pray — **FOR NATIVE WORKERS.**

I wish you could see one handsome University senior who is a volunteer for the ministry taking responsibility of a fully trained pastor. He directs the radio program each week with such charm and ability that I think in the years to come we are going to have one of the most powerful preachers of our denomination. But before he will be given too much work he must have his Seminary training and until we can have a school for training our own workers here in Colombia, they must go to Mexico to the Baptist Seminary there. Hugo Reiz is this fine fellow's name, and if young people at home think they have temptations and trials in the Christian life, they should read this story. He is the ONLY known Christian at the University here, and the students and professors alike make it most difficult for him. But he has such a lovable personality, so Christ-like and patient, that all of them like him and I believe, they admire him secretly.

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## 242 Graduated From Southern Seminary

### Twelve Are Mississippians

Louisville, Ky., May 18—"Your caps and gowns are neither working garments nor uniforms," President Ellis A. Fuller told the graduating class of Southern Seminary here, in a commencement address as the largest class in the history of the Seminary received its diplomas, May 7. "I trust you will lay aside your academic regalia and go to work immediately to do something with the gospel entrusted to you," Dr. Fuller continued.

The prevailing emphasis of preachers has been and must continue to be that men cannot go to heaven without the new birth of Christ," Dr. Fuller said. "But we are seeing now that men cannot live upon the earth without Christ. When we think of a new birth, we must think of a new earth. Our first task is to regenerate the world. But men must not only be changed. They must be converted to a new type of life."

Diplomas were awarded to a total of 242. Of these, 230 were from the School of Theology, and 12 from the School of Church Music.

## GOING PLACES

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### PUCKETT HOMECOMING

Puckett Church, Rev. Morrell Lee, pastor, observed Homecoming Day on May 2. The house was full with many on the outside. It seemed that everybody from Puckett was there with many visitors and former residents.

Rev. Charles Sandifer of the Clarke College faculty was the morning speaker and I spoke in the afternoon. Free-will offerings were taken at both services amounting to almost \$1000. This money will be added to the building fund.

Plans for a modern building including seven Sunday School rooms have been drawn and the foundation has been laid. Construction will go forward as soon as the brick are available.

Rankin County now has Record readers as follows: Antioch 46; Barefoot 19; Bethel 21; Brandon 66; Briar Hill 49; Cato 37; Clear Branch 47; Concord 33; County Line 42; East Side 41; Fannin 17; Galilee 9; Hickory Ridge 20; Johns 29; Leesburg 68; Liberty Church 23; Mizpah 40; Mountain Creek 22; Mt. Pisgah 42; Oakdale 45; Paul Truitt Memo., 36; Pearl City 35; Pearsons 23; Pelahatchie 79; Puckett 43 Rehobeth 27; Richland 98; Rock Bluff 24; Rock Hill 12; Star 49; Steens Creek 95; and Union 29;

### TYLERTOWN

Tylertown and Pastor Ray F. Dykes seem to be an ideal combination. Plans are being made for an educational plant to take care of the growing Sunday School. It is hoped to begin construction by October 1. Present plans include incorporating the pastorate as a part of the new educational plant and the constructing of a new pastorate at another location.

The church has adopted the plan of rotating deacons and 6 new deacons have been elected. The budget for 1948 is \$32,000 and the receipts for the first quarter of 1948 were \$9,421.

Walthall County Record readers are now listed as follows: Crystal Springs, 45; Dinar 16; Enon 81; Knoxe 34; Lexie 32; Magee's Creek 54; New Zion 32; Salem 47; Tylertown 171; Union 2.

### SHILOH CHURCH, CLAIBORNE COUNTY IS NUMBER 907

Shiloh Church, Claiborne County, has joined the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. Rev. A. E. Hamilton is the pastor. Realizing the need of informed Baptists he has led his church to make this forward move.

Claiborne County Record readers are now listed as follows: HERMANVILLE, 42; PATTISON, 10; PORT GIBSON, 80; UNITY, 19 and SHILOH, 17.

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Evidently the Youth Week deacons at Second Avenue Church, Laurel, did a good job. Among their recommendations to the church were: The purchase of a suitable bulletin board and the purchase of more hymn books. The deacons have already recommended that these things be done.

A CITYWIDE YOUTH REVIVAL will be held at the First Baptist Church, Laurel, June 20-25. Dr. Henry Allen Parker, of the First Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama, will preach. The first service of the meeting proper will be held on Sunday afternoon (June 20).

## Melvin Roberts Leaves Calvary Church, Jackson



MELVIN ROBERTS

Melvin Roberts, educational director of Calvary Church, Jackson, since October, 1945, recently resigned his duties at Calvary to accept a similar position at First Church, San Antonio, Texas, effective June 1.

Mr. Roberts is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary and came to Calvary from Second Church, Hot Springs. He and his wife, the former Pauline Childress have one son, Paul David aged 7.

Resolutions expressing regret at his leaving and deep appreciation of his splendid services as educational director were unanimously adopted by the church and signed by I. S. Barnes, chairman, Charles Graves and Lee Denson.

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## Winona Observes Youth Week Climaxed by Youth Revival

The Young People and Intermediates of First Church, Winona, had charge of all the official duties of the church during Youth Week April 4 - 11. Rev. C. B. Hamlett III is pastor.

Acting as pastor was Jimmy Rose.

Other Youth Week officers and workers were: Sunday School superintendent, William Billingsley; Sunday School teachers, Annette Mortimer, Jan Nix, Peggy Eubank, David Gibson, Billy Trewolla, Leslie Townsend, Dorothy Grey Pickens, Jane Reese, Billlette Gould; Training Union director, Wyllice Cook; Intermediate leader, Mary Sam Foster; Junior leader, Helen McNeer; Story Hour leader, Neil Moss; Young People's leader, Jean Swann; deacons, Jimmy Fowler, Thomas Fowler, Joe Hardin, Morris Woler, Gene Kemp, Clyde Dotson, Lloyd Rose, Melvin Brent, George Crenshaw, Lucien Chesteen, James Tardy, and Glendel Bennett; W. M. U. officers, president, Edwina Austin, vice-presidents, Sarah Billingsley, Peggy Jane Foster, and Bobbie Nell Fowler; circle leaders, Greta Bo Childress, Opal Box, Betty Sue Tullis, Dora Jackson and Nell Bamberg. Interesting talks were given during the morning worship service by Jimmy Rose, Bobbie Nell Fowler, and Charlotte Ann Trewolla. During the evening worship service Rebecca Johnson and Edwina Austin gave talks and a skit was presented by the following: David Gibson, Joan Bamberg, Patsy Eubanks and Luther Lamb.

Climaxing the Youth Week service was a Youth Revival April 9 - 11 under the leadership of Professor James M. Hatch and 5 students from Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina. In addition to Mr. Hatch, the Youth Revival group included: Shopie Coshu of California, Martha Bietzel, of Ohio, William Carter of South Carolina, Cecil Hawkins of Ohio, and Harold Stevens of North Carolina.





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## NEW ASSISTANT EDITOR SHOWS THE MAKE-UP MAN



Pictured above is Miss Merle Walley showing the make-up man where a certain article is to be placed in The Baptist Record. The picture was made in the printing plant of The Vicksburg Evening Post where The Baptist Record is printed. The make-up man is Mr. James Julius Knight.

Miss Walley, a graduate of Mississippi College and until recently a member of the faculty of Leakesville High School, is assistant to Editor Goodrich. She succeeds Miss Elizabeth Draughon who resigned in December 1947 to accept the position of Educational Director of Edgemont Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.

## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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Auber J. Wilds

Mr. Wilds, State Training Union Secretary says "From all indications the District Training Union Conventions this year are going to be the best ever. Let EVERY church be fully represented." Starting Monday June 7th at New Albany and running daily for three weeks. God has richly blessed these meetings. Pray for a great victory again this year.

## MORGAN REPORTS ON OKTIBBEHA

W. C. Morgan in reporting on the Church to Church Visitation Program in Oktibbeha Co. the week of May 1-7 said — "We are having a great week in Oktibbeha Co. Brother Borah, Associational Director, has the best arranged schedule I have had since I have been in the work. We are having good meetings at night and visit the

other church committees during the afternoons." This weeks program was climaxed with a mass meeting on Sunday afternoon May 9th and followed by a Leadership School and Training Union Revival for all churches in the county being held at Starkville. This is in progress as this goes to press and we hope to have a full report later.

## Marion Co. Reports "Ready For Convention"

The elimination Contest has been held and representatives selected for the District convention in Marion Co. according to F. G. Wilborn. The meeting was with the Goss church and a "packed" house enjoyed a very fine program. Bro. Wilborn also reports plans they are using in the association whereby the pastors are exchanging visits in the interest of training union. This is a tribute to the growing appreciation for the Training Union when pastors are willing to thus serve in the promotional program. Congratulations to all concerned.

## Not Skene but Shelby this Year

Please let all churches in District 2, Sunflower, Bolivar and Deer Creek Associations take notice of the change in place of meeting of the District Convention. The meeting has been announced to be at Skene but Skene is in a church building program and the building will not be ready for use by June 24, so the Shelby church has cordially invited the convention to meet with them. This will be then Shelby, Thursday June 24th. Shelby invites you, let every church be represented.

## Department of Temperance Activities

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It has been several weeks since we reported on the work of the field through this column. We have been concerned with the Legislative battle, and the Commitment Day on May 30. Moreover, we have been trying to boost our activities through the Christian Citizens' Leagues already organized, and a new one has been started in Pontotoc County. The ground work has already been laid for other new organizations. We have engaged in two revival meetings, one at Oil City with Brother James Nolan Brister, the other one at Raymond with Brother R. L. Wallace. The fellowship in the service of our Lord with these pastors and their people has been a blessing. There also offered great opportunity to promote the work of our Department. The response has been great everywhere, especially during these revival seasons.

It has been the purpose of this Department from its very beginning to

keep evangelism at the front. All though we are constantly at grips with the underworld in the work of this Department, we have tried to do our work with a consuming compassion for souls. Already this year, we have had 61 professions of faith, 18 additions to the churches by letter, and 18 rededications. It is our sincere prayer that these numbers will continue to grow.

Every community should have a Temperance Rally. The people of our state are ready to respond to leadership in this field.

May 30

If you have not ordered your Commitment Cards for the Commitment Day, May 30, why not do it at once? Give the people a chance to commit themselves against beverage alcohol, and help us make it a most successful day. Order your cards from the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, 161 Eighth Avenue, North.

## YOUTH REVIVAL VOLUNTEERS



JAMES P. GILBERT

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Gilbert, students at Mississippi College, are among the volunteers for the Youth Revival Crusade in Mississippi this summer.



MRS. JAMES P. GILBERT

## Pastor Hamilton Expresses Appreciation of E. D. Estes

Rev. W. C. Hamilton, Tishomingo County pastor, appreciates Rev. E. D. Estes, former state evangelist who is now in Arkansas. Below are some facts received from Mr. Hamilton regarding the fine work accomplished by Brother Estes.

Rev. E. D. Estes' first meeting in our county was with First Church, Iuka. The church, town, and county still feel the good effects of his work. The churches where I am now pastor were dead, inactive; but now they are much alive, able to pay pastors, and giving through the cooperative program. I had him with me in 23 revival meetings besides several training schools.

Another thing he did was to put the Record in every church where he worked, even if he had to pay the subscriptions. In the winter of 1938, he conducted 15 revivals in Alcorn County with 122 for baptism besides those by letter. Beginning December 6, 1939, he led in a great revival at New Prospect Church. Because of his work in the county, we now have a full-time county missionary and a home for him.

## Announce Awards at Blue Mtn. College

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 11 — In general assembly at Blue Mountain College today President Lawrence T. Lowrey announced some of the annual awards. The B. G. Lowrey Scholarship, awarded to the student on the basis of character, scholarship and leadership, went to Hazel Rodgers, Yazoo City. The Nettie Courtney Paris Award, offered in encouragement of such Christian traits as characterize an energetic, effective, loyal, sincere and consecrated student, was given to Jean Yates, Houston, Texas. Miss Yates was also awarded the Lowrey Powell Award for exemplary conduct and character and for maintaining the highest academic standard for the last three successive semesters. Bonnie Gene Boland, Calhoun City, was presented the Rosa Mae Kennedy Award, which goes to the student of exceptional music ability and artistry. The golf trophy was awarded to Marporis Cox, Gulfport.





## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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### POTPOURRI

Deadline on invitations from colleges or churches for our State Convention is June 1st. . . Riley Munday recently spoke before the BSU at State. . . We still need many more Youth Revival invitations. . . Clarke College is a God-honoring institution and, therefore, deserves our prayerful and financial support. . . One was won to Christ at East Central Jr. last month, and two joined the Decatur church. . . There were 32 rededications, 2 for baptism, and 1 by letter at 15th Ave. Church, Meridian, at a recent service. Altho my brother, Paul, is pastor there, you don't mind my mentioning this great service, do you? . . . Earl Moody, Miss. College grad, is to be assistant pastor at First, Starkville, soon. Tommy Boswell is Millsaps' new BSU President. . . Deadline on Ridgecrest registrations is May 29, for the traveling expenses of Frances Bibb and Sylvia Burr is May 31st, and for transportation to R'Crest is June 1st, don't forget. . . Thanks for the good check you enclosed. I am going to return it through my church with the request that you let it go to help pay the expenses of those missionaries to California and the Hawaiian Islands," writes Pastor W. L. Day, of First Church, Louisville. . . "We are in dead earnest

raising money for the Hawaii trip for Frances," writes O. L. Malone from Miss College. . . "We have already started our drive for financing the summer missionaries to Hawaii and California. We have raised \$19.50 and our main concentration day has not yet come. We do hope to raise \$100. . . —Billy Thames, from State. . . "We are starting to raise some money for the expenses of Mississippi's summer workers. I hope that we can have a good sum from the Blue Mountain vicinity."—Helen Bolt.

Total received for Frances and Sylvia, as on May 15 is \$558.06. We need approximately \$500 more by May 31st. Every BSU and every Baptist student in Mississippi should have a part, large or small, in sending these two girls out to witness for Christ this summer. . . Only 54 Mississippians have signed up for the Student Retreat at Ridgecrest June 9-16. Our State quota is 211 so that leaves 157 to go by May 29th which is the deadline for registrations. Round trip bus transportation will definitely be available, the Lord willing, from Jackson and maybe other points to all those who send in \$20 each for this purpose by June 1st. Every one of our BSU's should have a representative in our Ridgecrest delegation.



## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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### Associational Meeting Places and Dates

The following Brotherhood association will meet in May and June:

May 31—Lauderdale at Poplar Springs.

June 1 — Jones at Second Avenue, Laurel.

June 3 — Gulf Coast at Bay St. Louis.

June 4 — Pearl River at First Church, Picayune.

June 7 — Hinds-Warren at Terry.

June 8—Simpson at Pinola.

June 8 — Leflore at Slaughter.

June 11 — Pike at Holmesville.

June 17 — Leake at Carthage.

June 17 — George at Lucedale.

June 18 — Newton at Newton.

June 21 — Walthall at Enon.

June 25 — Lincoln at Gum Grove.

Madison, Marion, Deer Creek and Rankin Counties have not set a definite date or place, so far as we know, but they are planning to have their meetings in June.

### Ridgecrest Bus

Plans have definitely been made for a chartered bus that will take thirty-seven men to Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest, August 5-11. The bus will leave Jackson on the morning of August 4 and return August 12. Brotherhoods are urged to send someone from each Brotherhood, and if enough requests come in we shall charter other buses. The round-trip bus fare will be approximately \$20. The expenses to and from other than transportation, plus expenses while there, should amount approximately to \$30 to \$35.

Those expecting to attend should make their reservation immediately, sending \$1 registration fee to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and contact the state secretary to reserve a place on the bus.

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### Brotherhoods Not Reported To Date

Glade, Jones, Rev. H. F. Williams, Clarke College, pastor, and M. F. Grace, president.

Magee, Simpson, Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor, and V. J. Runnels, president.

Bassfield, Jeff Davis, Rev. Joe Hudson, pastor.

Itta Bena, Leflore, Rev. A. L. Gatewood, pastor.

Glen Allan, Deer Creek, Rev. Aaron Trahan, pastor.

Friendship, Pike, Rev. M. Glenn Smith, pastor, and Luther S. White, president.

Fairfield, Jones, Rev. P. G. Harper, pastor, and Virgil Beech, president.

Lucedale, George, Dr. Fred Moseley, pastor, and W. C. Reed, president.

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**ALIVE! STORIES BY AUNT THERESA** (\$50), by Theresa Worman and published by the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Illinois, is a collection of eight original stories for boys and girls. Each is full of year round interest presenting not only the truth of the resurrection, but also teaching children the value of prayer and Christian living. An unusual program suggestion is found in the last chapter indicating how these stories may be adapted for Sunday or Daily Vacation Bible School use. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

### RENDING OF THE VEIL

(Continued from Page Two)

The Rending of the Veil Means That a "New and Living Way" to God Had Been Laid

On that divinely dramatic day when the veil was rent, a "new and living way" was "consecrated" by which men could with "boldness. . . enter into the holiest" — into the presence of God.

This new way to God was "new" in that it was not by indirection. This way to God was not ordinances, mysteries, symbols, or intermediaries. Too often the souls of men are betrayed by our perverting the simple Gospel with pageantry, muddling it with magic, loading it down with litanies, or by ruining it with rituals.

Spurgeon, under conviction of sin, sought salvation for five years among the many trappings of religion, not discerning the simple but glorious truth that "there was life in a look at the crucified One." While on his way elsewhere, a storm forced him to worship in a little, primitive Methodist Chapel. In the absence of the minister, a very unlearned layman spoke, using as his text "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." Said he:

My dear friends, this text says look. Now that does not take a great deal of effort. It ain't lifting your foot or your finger; it is just looking. Well, a man need not go to college to learn to look. You may be the biggest fool, and yet you can look. A man need not be worth a thousand pounds a year to look. Anyone can look; a child can look. But this is what the text says: "Look unto me."

Suddenly the humble man turned upon young Spurgeon and said: "Young man, you look very miserable, and you always will be miserable if you do not obey my text and look to Jesus for salvation."

The boy, who was to become one of the greatest preachers of all ages, looked — simply looked — and was born again!

Before the veil was rent the people never came into the presence of God except by proxy. The priest represented them before God when he went within the veil. When the veil was rent the way to God was open, not only to the holiest priest, but also to the humblest peasant.

A young father and mother, tortured with grief, came and sobbed out their story:

They and their priest had become estranged. When the baby came the priest had withheld baptism until the parents met certain demands of the Church. This had further infuriated the parents and the baby had not been baptized. That had been three years ago; and last night the baby had died, and without the "blessings of the Church." Believing their baby lost, their grief knew no bounds. The baby was to be buried in "unconsecrated ground." Would I be kind enough to conduct some kind of a service over the little body?

In a quiet hill-top cemetery and at the appointed hour, I met them, their relative and their friends, bearing the little white casket. Standing there by the open grave I told them of how Jesus had said His Kingdom was for little children and how Jesus had told them who would interpose themselves between little children and Him to stand aside and to forbid not the little children to come to Him. I explained how "Indirection to Life" had been done away and that the spirit of their child had been under no necessity to go to God by way of a priest, church, or sacraments. Their baby's spirit had gone directly to be with Jesus in a heavenly paradise and was not in a hopeless purgatory.

The moment for lowering the little casket had come. Asking that it be opened again, the father knelt down, encircled it with his arms and said: "Oh David,

you are with Jesus. Thank God! Mother and I will see you again."

Five men and women who stood by that little grave, including the parents, forsook the devious, indirect, man-made ways to God, and began their walk in the "new and living way" to God. I baptized them upon their confession of simple direct, personal faith in Christ as Saviour. The Rending of the Veil Meant That All Believers to The Priesthood Had Been Ordained

Before the rending of the veil it was unthinkable that an ordinary man should go beyond the veil, and into God's presence. That privilege belongs to the high priest and to him alone.

When Christ died and the veil was rent, the Holy of Holies came to include the vast domain of all believing hearts. Henceforth God was to dwell in the midst of His people and be directly approachable to all.

Henceforth the blessings of God were not to be distributed to men through a stratified ecclesiastical society. Henceforth the caste system in religion was to be done away. In the hour of the rending of the veil all believers became priests before their God.

The priesthood of believers is a doctrine of priceless privilege. The sinning one may go directly to the God of the rent-veil sanctuary, there confess his sins, and have God say to him, "I absolve thee; I forgive thee; go and sin no more." The nobody may boldly go to his God and God will make him somebody!

The word "priest" means "sacrificer," and we priests of the rent-veil sanctuary are to fulfill its meaning. What are we to sacrifice? Paul answers:

I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1).

We are to present ourselves to God in holy life and holy deed even unto death.

Our pastorates, our pulpits, and our places of service must become veritable altars upon which we vicariously live and die for God.

Accompanying the privilege of direct access to God is the responsibility of intercession for them who know not for themselves the God of the rent-veil sanctuary. Would to God we felt the weight of this priestly duty that he might wrap himself when he as did John Welch, who kept a plaid arose to pray at night. His wife would unbraided him when she found him lying on the ground weeping. He would reply: "Oh woman, I have the soul of how it is with many of them." There would be a real hope for lost humanity if God's believer-priests felt like that!

Believer priests, we should tarry in the presence of God until our own hearts are so filled with the love and compassion of God, that when we go forth from the Holy of Holies, we may gather the spiritually dead to our hearts and make them alive to God through Christ.

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As a people our hearts have not kept up with our hands. Our achievements in science have exceeded the achievements of the spirit. We have produced tools and weapons without developing the spiritual insights and moral controls to use them. We have become masters of the resources of the universe without becoming masters of ourselves, so that we face the danger of destruction by the works of our own hands. Our peril is the degree to which we lack the self-discipline and moral equipment to use what God has put in our hands in keeping with his will. —Clifton J. Allen in *The Teacher*.



## Sparks & Splinters

A revival at Foxworth will begin May 23 and continue through the following Sunday. Rev. Paul W. Davis of Phoenix, Arizona will be the evangelist. Dr. Russell Bush Jr. of Columbia will lead the singing. Rev. E. L. Howell is pastor.

First Baptist Church, New Orleans, observed the 11th anniversary of Dr. J. D. Grey on April 30. During these eleven years the church membership has grown from 1536 to 3201. In the same period there have been 1039 baptisms and a total of 5099 additions. Finances have increased more than 500%. The Mission Budget for 1938 was \$6,325, for 1948, \$33,475. The total budget for 1948 is \$140,000 as compared to \$27,378 for 1937. The building fund now totals \$186,000.

Mississippi was eleventh in southwide contributions during the month of April according to figures released by the Southwide Executive Committee. Total contributions for the month were \$45,265. \$27,409 of this amount was for the Cooperative Program.

High Hill Church, Neshoba County, recently sent a nice additional list of 12 subscriptions to the Baptist Record. The list was sent by J. A. Arnold.

Calvary Church, Greenwood, continues to grow as evidenced by the fact that Mrs. C. B. Ingram recently sent 17 additional names for the EVERY FAMILY List. Dr. R. A. Tullos is the pastor.

Rev. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, is the new president of the Hattiesburg Ministerial Association.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the 28th annual session of the Neshoba County Baptist Association which met with Pearl Valley Church, October 8 - 9, 1947.

Benton: The week of May 2 was observed as "Christian Home Week" with services each evening. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Bush, was the preacher. The Sunday School attendance is far above the average for the past few months, and all the work is making pleasing progress.

The Rev. Wayne Alliston has accepted the pastorate of Briar Hill Church in the Montgomery Community in Rankin County. He formerly served this church as pastor and succeeds Dr. B. B. Hilburn, who resigned the Briar Hill Church to accept full time work at Florence and since then has accepted a pastorate in Kentucky.

The Rev. C. E. (Dan) Patch of Baldwin has accepted the pastorate at Sherman. He will divide his time between Sherman and Saltillo, where he has been pastor for the past eight years.

An advertising agency handling liquor copy sent these instructions with advertising: "Copy must be kept away from headache or stomach-distress advertising. Copy must also be kept away from news items on Drunken Driving, Death Notices, Church Items, Anti-Liquor Articles, etc."

## BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

The Memphis Chapter of the Alumnae Association will sponsor a luncheon during the Southern Baptist Convention. It will be held at noon, May 20, at Lowenstein's Eighth Floor Restaurant, immediately after the morning session of the convention. For reservations write, phone or wire Mrs. Howell D. Woodson, 205 Dille Place, Memphis, Tennessee, Telephone — 48-0160.

Mississippi Baptists, alumnae and other friends of Blue Mountain College are invited to use the Blue Mountain College booth in the exhibit hall of the Southern Baptist Convention as a meeting place.

Miss Sara Lowrey, Head of the Department of Speech at Baylor University and graduate of Blue Mountain College, addressed the Southern Speech Convention at its meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, April 8.

Bettie Gene Sauer, a graduate of Blue Mountain College in 1946, is associate editor of the Mailbag, published quarterly by the business division of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Is Robbie Sumrall's A Light On A Hill in your church library?

## Oakland Has Vacation Bible School



Shown above is the group of young people and instructors who recently attended the Daily Vacation Bible School at Oakland Church. The enrollment during the week was 50, with an average attendance of 46.

The faculty was composed of the following: Principal, County Missionary, Joseph W. Oliver; beginning and primary teachers, Mrs. Ruth Boris, Mrs. W. H. Felts, Mrs. Charles Hill, Mrs. Lizzie Pittman, and Mrs. Robinson; Junior teachers,

Recent visitors in the office of The Baptist Record are as follows: Rev. G. O. Parker, Carthage; Rev. Fred B. Bookler, McComb; Lynton Cooper, Star; A. G. Taylor, Aberdeen; Rev. J. P. Bush, Benton; Rev. Bryan Simmons, Hazlehurst; Rev. J. N. Brister, Oil City; Rev. Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg; Rev. and Mrs. Warren W. Tynes, Mobile; Donald Smith, Jackson; Mrs. H. M. Harris, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Robinson, Plant City, Florida; Rev. Howard H. Aultman, Holly Springs; Mrs. J. C. Greenoe, Vicksburg; Lenox Oglesby, Jackson; Mrs. F. B. Fikes, Jackson; Dr. John D. Freeman, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. S. E. Byler, Okolona; Joe L. Jolly, Okolona; Rev. James P. Brewer, Clinton.

Rev. J. K. Moore has resigned the pastorate of Phalti Church, Jeff Davis, and accepted Silver Creek Church in Pike County.

Rev. Marcus Alexander is the new pastor of Phalti Church, Jeff Davis County.

Methodists concluded their quadrennial General Conference in Boston by enacting a program designed to abolish segregation in denominational affairs; launching another four-year crusade "For Christ and His Church." In the crusade, an effort will be made to enroll 1,700,000 new church school members, 2,000,000 new church members, recruit 1,000,000 youths who will abstain from drinking alcohol, and raise an estimated \$50,000,000 fund to finance a world-wide advance.

Mrs. C. C. Magee, Mrs. Lee Burt, Mrs. J. N. McCracken, and Mrs. Meek; Intermediate teachers, Mrs. Roy Paris and Mrs. Woods; pianists, Miss Marylin Miller and Mrs. Martha Jane Woods; song leaders, Rev. Charles C. Magee and Rev. Guy Ray.

A large crowd attended the closing program which consisted of a devotional and an exhibition of the hand work of the children. Rev. Charles C. Magee is pastor.

Premier Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium has resigned as head of the Cabinet because of the failure of the Socialists in Belgium to support his plea for increased subsidies for Roman Catholic schools. Roman Catholic teachers now receive 60 per cent of their salaries from the states. Spaak was asking for an additional 15 per cent.

Evidently South McComb Church is growing, for Pastor James A. Bryant recently sent 43 additional names for their EVERY FAMILY list.

Robinson Sunday School, Amite County, presented an interesting Mother's Day program, under the direction of Mrs. Aubrey Bates. This was their first time to meet in their new Sunday School rooms. There were 56 present. Plans are being made to dedicate their Sunday School annex early in July, according to Mrs. H. S. Bates, reporter.

Howard McLemore and Rayford Hunt, who were recently licensed by the First Church, Meadville, held their first revival the week of April 25 at Mt. Olive in Franklin County. There were 2 professions of faith. Howard McLemore supplied for Pastor B. T. Bishop at Meadville on May 2.

Dr. Prince E. Burroughs has fully recovered from his recent illness. He is still living at Gainesville, Georgia.

Dr. J. C. Wilkinson, pastor of the First Church, Athens, Ga., plans to retire September 1. He has been pastor at Athens for 27 years.

PATTY LOU, FLYING MISSIONARY (\$75), by Basil Miller and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is an exciting and thrilling story of a rescue party, led by Patty Lou, deep into the Amazon jungles, searching for a lost missionary. The accounts of their forced landing, capture by head-hunters, their procedure in making friends with the natives, and their deep devotion and utter dependence upon God will hold your interest and be as inspiring as the actual finding of the missionary. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

Co-operative Program receipts for the first four months of 1948 reached \$1,998,673.53, compared with \$1,708,816.15 for the same period in 1947.

## We Need Your Help NOW!

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Our Board of Directors agree with the secretary that too much of his time is necessarily spent in personally soliciting funds - time needed for other activities, and the Board recommends that an appeal be made to churches and to individuals. The fight against liquor must go on every day. If you are opposed to liquor, help us now.

Sunday, May 30, is Temperance Day in the Sunday Schools. Will you not prayerfully plan or suggest that a free-will offering be taken for your Temperance League on that day?

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### ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Hinds and Warren Associational Music Festival will be held in the Van Winkle Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, 2:30, June 6 instead of the set date of May 16. Mr. Bill Lowe, Box 23, Clinton, Mississippi, will be in charge of the Festival. For detailed information about the festival you will contact Mr. Lowe in Clinton.

If your association failed to have an Associational Music Festival on May 16 and your church has an Ensemble or Hymn Player that would have entered the contests, please notify this Department immediately so that we may make arrangements with your District Music Director for your contestant to enter the contest at the District Music Festival to be held June 27 in all eight of our Districts. It is necessary that this information be sent this office before June 20 so that the District Director will have sufficient time to make arrangements for your contestants.

The announcement of where each District Music Festival is to be held will appear in this column at a later date.

This is another reminder to all Associational Music Directors to send in the results of the contests that were held May 16 at your Associational Music Festival.

We have received the leaflets on

### PICAYUNE PROGRAM GROWS

#### Tom Parker Added to Staff

By Dr. O. P. Estes, Pastor

Our program at First Church, Picayune, continues to grow in intensity and volume. We are baptizing new converts at encouraging intervals; our revival is set for October 18.

The church was happy to license Roy "Sunshine" Stockstill, on Sunday, May 9th. He and his wife have had this year at Pearl River Junior College. His wife, Ruth, receives a diploma this year, and they both go to Ouachita College in Arkansas, immediately after graduation. They are indeed a promising young couple.

Our church feels fortunate in securing the services of Tom Parker, originally from Biloxi, a student of Mississippi College, a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, Texas, and also a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. He left Mississippi College with Mr. Mackie's Band, and had three years in service.

I am happy to present him to the denominational fraternity. He is an ordained minister, and comes in the capacity of Minister of Education and Recreation.

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CORRECTION

On page ten of the Baptist Record of May 6 was a story entitled "Layman's Testimony Produces Results." One sentence regarding Roy Blades, about whom the story was written, stated "At one time he was a gambler on a show boat." This statement is incorrect. The Brotherhood Secretary, who prepared this story, regrets tremendously that this slip occurred and apologizes to Roy Blades for any embarrassment caused him.

the eighth southwide Church Music conference to be held at Ridgecrest August 19-29. We will be happy to send this information to you about the conference at your request.

The little chorus, "Let Go and Let God Have His Wonderful Way" is available again in mimeographed form from this office upon request. We also have a booklet compiled and arranged by B. B. McKinney entitled YOUTH CHOIR SELECTIONS which has eleven numbers in it. We will be happy to send you some copies for your Youth Choir at your request.



REV. WYATT GILBERT

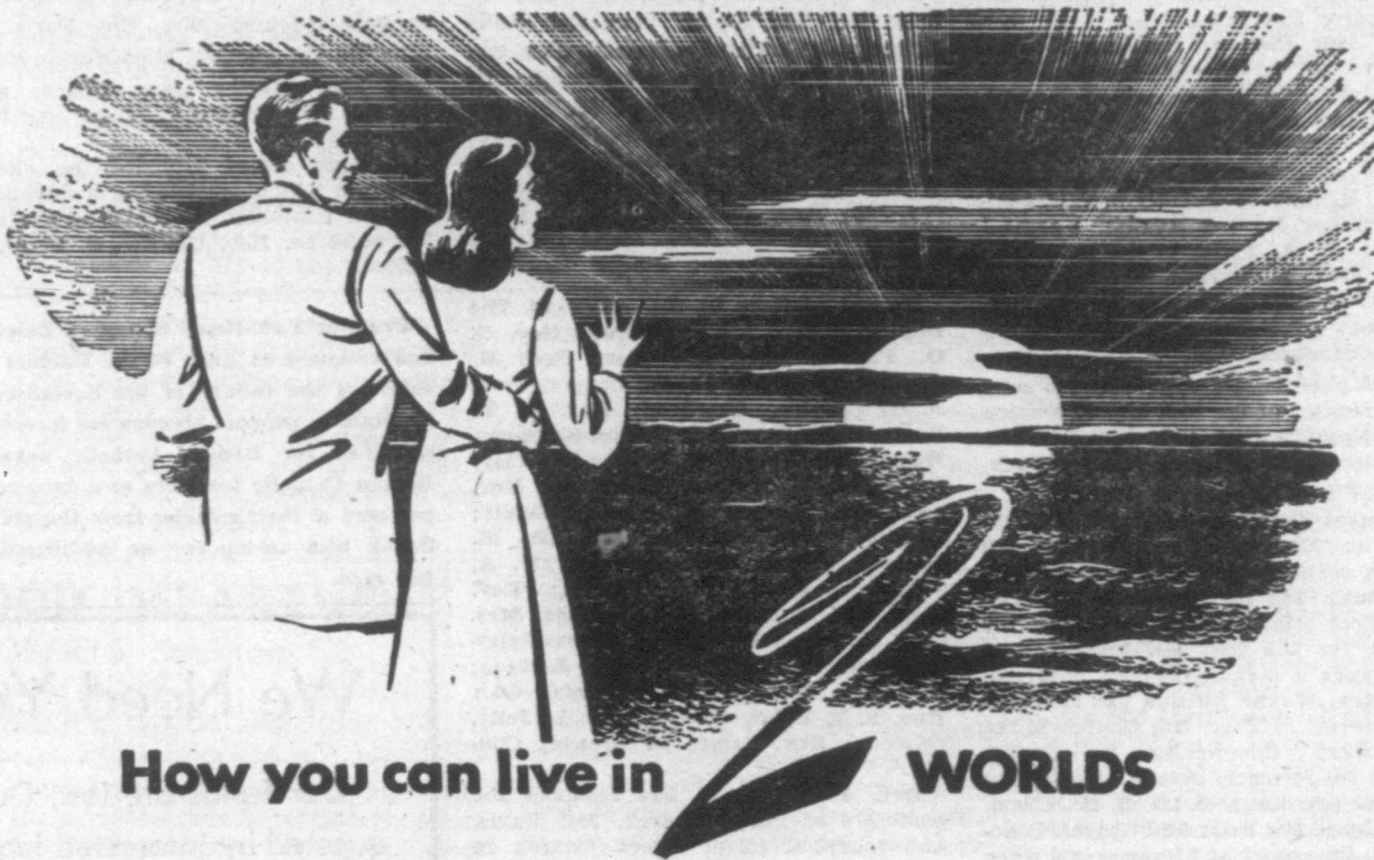
### JENKINS LEADS REVIVAL AT BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Bethlehem Church, Jones County, recently experienced a series of revival services with Pastor David C. Jenkins doing the preaching.

Large crowds attended the services, which resulted in 21 additions to the church and a spiritual awakening on the part of the membership.

A pastorium is now under construction and plans are to complete it in the near future, according to the church clerk, Mrs. P. M. Gieger.

Rev. Wyatt Gilbert, pastor at Heidelberg, will lead in a revival at Bogue Chitto, Pike County, May 23-28. Services will begin at 8:00 o'clock each evening, according to Pastor C. C. Randall.



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### April Standards

The following units became standard during April:

Schools: State Line, Rev. W. L. Warren, pastor, Mrs. G. A. McLaurin, superintendent; Magee, Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor, J. H. Mangum, superintendent; Magee, Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor, J. H. Mangum, superintendent; Crane Creek, Rev. J. E. Crutchfield, pastor, J. C. Harrell, superintendent; Pine Grove, Rev. C. O. Sewell, pastor, John M. Reeves, superintendent; Terry, Rev. Thurman Booth, pastor, George A. Morgan, superintendent; Inverness, Rev. Jesse L. Boyd, Jr., pastor, W. A. Price, superintendent; Hattiesburg Main Street, Rev. John E. Barnes, pastor, M. A. Mayo, superintendent.

Departments: Nursery, Hattiesburg Main Street, Mrs. Joe Arledge, superintendent; Beginner, Calvary Jackson, Mrs. J. W. Harding, Supt.; Beginner, Philadelphia First, Mrs. R. V. Taylor, Supt.; Primary No. 2, Hattiesburg First, Miss Sue Reynolds, Supt.; Junior, Jackson, Van Winkle, Mrs. E. E. Parker, Supt.; Junior, Philadelphia First, Miss Zula Walton, Supt.; Intermediate, Vicksburg First, Mrs. Oscar Branan, Supt.; Adult, Parkway, Jackson, Clifton R. Tate, Supt.

Classes: Junior — Shining Lights, Mendenhall, Mrs. L. H. Lee, teacher; Church Goers, Hattiesburg Main Street, Mrs. Jack P. Kelly, Sr.; Bible Readers, Jackson Van Winkle, Mrs. J. F. Coleman; Cheerful Helpers, Jackson Van Winkle, Mrs. T. J. Temple; Up Streamers, Jackson Griffith Memorial, W. L. Watts.

Intermediate — Vicksburg First — True, Tried Trusted Mrs. N. E. Bobb, teacher; Golden Rule, Miss Nannie McMillin; Rena Mitchell, Erle Peeler; Kingdom Seekers, M. M. Abernathy; Dependables, Miss Daisy Belle Hammack; Lena Causey, Mrs. Mary B. Fox; Miss Nell Peterson; Daughters of Aviators, E. C. Gibson, Queen Ether, Ruth, Mrs. Vera Campbell.

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Adult — Friendship, Rolling Fork, Mrs. Van Hardin, teacher; T. E. L., Carthage, Mrs. M. M. Keith; Dorcas, Carthage, Mrs. T. J. Barnett; Home Makers, Carthage, Mrs. G. W. Edwards; Euzelian, Laurel Second Avenue, Mrs. L. D. Burkett; The Victory, Jackson Parkway, Mrs. A. J. Chancellor; T. E. L., Morton, Mrs. Phenie Hartsell; Kalupian, Louisville First, Mrs. J. W. Hughes.

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ROOM 15

The above picture is that of the Beginner Sunday school department of the Bruce Baptist church, Rev. J. B. Middleton, pastor.

The superintendent of this department is Mrs. Willie Harris, who has not missed a Sunday in four years. This department has had a good growth, and averaged 80% attendance for last quarter.

### VBS Preparation Time

Yes, sir, this is the time to prepare for that Vacation Bible school that many hundreds of our churches will have this summer. They will be better schools as we make good preparation for them.

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### CHAPMAN'S CHOICE OUTLINES AND

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Second Avenue, Laurel, recently voted to increase the salary of Pastor James H. Street. Most other churches ought to do likewise. Living costs have risen since most pastors got an increase in salary.

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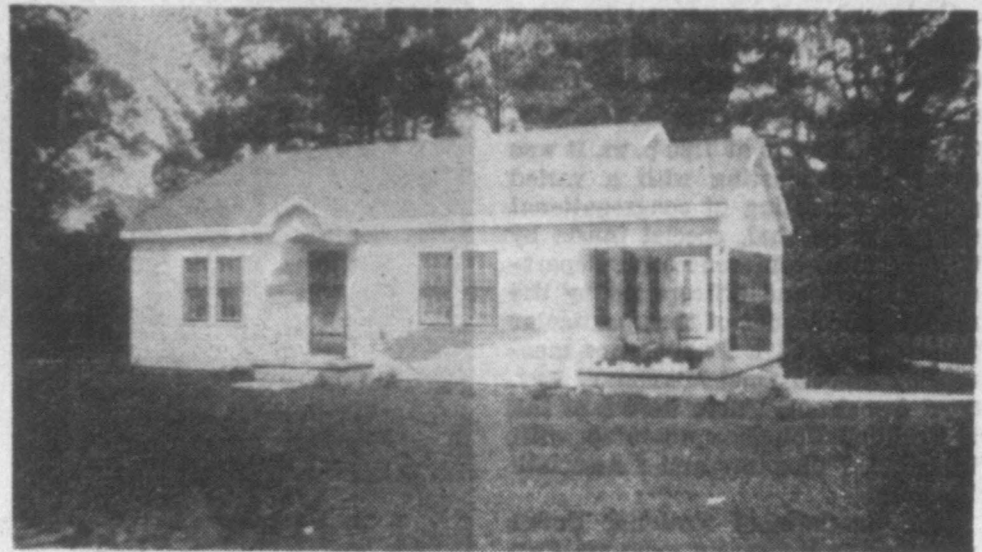
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## New Pastorium Dedicated by Myrick Church



Myrick Church, Jones County, recently dedicated its newly completed pastorium. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. James W. Parrish, pastor of First Church, Laurel. Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Courtney, Beacon Church, Laurel, rendered special music, and Rev. W. W. Allred, former pastor who lives in the community, led in the closing dedication prayer.

Pastor Astor L. McGee, who is from Winston Salem, North Carolina, has led the church to make remarkable progress during the 15 months that he has been on the field.

The pastorium was built at an approximate cost of \$5,000, and the last note was burned during the dedication service. Now plans are being made for the erection of a new church building, according to church reported, Mrs. Charles W. Jordan.

## Mississippi Calendar of Prayer

- May 24 — Miss Lois Tyler, Bookkeeper, Baptist Building.
- May 25 — Junior R. A. Camp, Camp Garaywa.
- May 26 — Rev. Byron Mathis, Perry County Association Sunday School Superintendent.
- May 27 — O. L. Malone, BSU Student Secretary, Mississippi College.
- May 28 — Mrs. W. G. Mize, Assistant Superintendent, Baptist Orphanage.
- May 29 — O. D. Owings, Professor of Mathematics and physics, Woman's College.
- May 30 — Lester R. White, State Music President.

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## COLUMBUS ASSOC. HAS TRAINING UNION MEETING

Columbus Associational Training Union held its regular monthly meeting, which was the Officers and Leaders Council, in the New Salem Church, Caledonia, May 10 at 7:30 p. m. It was a successful meeting with a varied program consisting of congregational singing, devotional, special music by W. K. Smith, conferences for department leaders and officers led by the associational leader of that particular department, and a Temperance message by Associational Missionary Rev. Boyd Armstrong. There were 9 of the 12 Training Unions represented, with 5 pastors, 7 directors and 3 associate directors.

The associational Training Union organization in a recent mass meeting voted to send the Associational Director, Leslie Dodson, to Ridgecrest for the week of July 15-21.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

May 16, 1948

Brookhaven, First	849	196
Crystal Springs	658	120
Jackson, Davis Memorial	351	105
Jackson, First	1,235	382
Jackson, Parkway	622	201
Parkway Chapel	78	30
Zion Hill, Copiah County	48	70
Jackson, Van Winkle	410	232
Jackson, Elaine	135	70
Jackson, Northside	389	125
Jackson, Calvary	1,340	284
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone St. Mission	1,383	303
Beulah, Simpson County	176	119
Bethlehem, Jones County	137	91
Chester	42	
Zion, Pontotoc County	85	45
Holly Springs		
Lincoln County	50	50
Laurel, Second Avenue	426	153
Pleasant Valley,		
Simpson County	66	65
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	86	68
Cherry Creek,		
Pontotoc County	78	40
New Zion, Copiah County	80	67
Wallerville,		
Union County	109	40
Pascagoula, First	653	223
Coat, Simpson County	39	
East Columbia	82	
Cowart, Tallahatchie		
County	94	49
Mt. Vernon, Holmes County	32	20
Center	114	67
Houlka	78	31
Old Town, Calhoun County	106	81
Grenada, First	483	110
Rocky Springs,		
Yazoo County	27	
Bethel, Copiah County	144	
New Albany, First	579	161
New Albany		
including Mission	618	196
Oak Grove,		
Calhoun County	51	42
Chalybeate	54	28
Friendship, Pike County	211	114
East McComb	480	249
Paynes, Tallahatchie		
County	145	56
Laurel, West	435	125
Bruce	234	63
Booneville, First	262	98
Columbus, First	883	287
Gulfport, First	553	148
Monte Vista,		
Webster County	74	58
Wellmon, Lincoln County	94	105
Hattiesburg, Main St.	786	307
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Hepzibah, Jeff		
Davis County	137	62
New Prospect,		
DeSoto County	82	68
Hebron, Jones County	87	93
West Corinth	170	97
Tate Street, Corinth	280	72
Cross Roads,		
Webster County	87	58
Cherry Creek,		
Pontotoc County	66	40

## 41ST AVENUE, MERIDIAN OBSERVES INTERMEDIATE DAY



Intermediate Day was recently observed at Forty-First Avenue Church, Meridian, Rev. T. L. Pfeiffer, pastor.

There are 66 enrolled in the department, and on this special day there were 52 present and 5 visitors. Out of this number, there were 52 Bibles brought, 52 contributing, 51 prepared lessons, 48 attending preaching, 43 100 per cent pupils, and 4 100 per cent classes.

The Intermediates had charge of the opening exercise in their department, they taught the Sunday School lesson, the boys served as ushers and took up the offering in the preaching service,

and rendered the special music. One Intermediate girl on profession of faith at the close of the service.

The Intermediates and teachers met in the church basement at the noon hour and enjoyed lunch together. Miss Louise Blanks is superintendent of this department.

According to general superintendent, B. M. Shirley, there have been more conversions during the year from this department than from any other, and in the department, there have been more conversions from the thirteen year girls' class, Mrs. W. A. McPheeters, teacher.

## Correcting a Wrong Impression

By Dr. J. M. Price

It has come to me that a number of prospective students have the impression that they must stay out a year after finishing college before they are eligible to enter our School of Religious Education here at Southwestern Seminary.

While there is a definite value in having some practical experience before taking training, it is not a pre-requisite here. We are carrying on a program of supervised clinical training to give our students this experience while here.

## Dr. B. B. Hall Now Living at Natchez

Dr. Barry B. Hall, well known Mississippi Baptist minister, recently retired from the active pastorate and now resides at his suburban home, Hawthorne, Natchez, Mississippi. His last pastorate was the First Baptist Church, Woodville, where he built up the largest congregation in that city.

Dr. and Mrs. Hall have united with the First Church Natchez. The pastor there, Dr. W. A. Sullivan, says:

"Our church is very fortunate to have Doctor and Mrs. Hall become members with us. Doctor Hall is a profound Bible teacher and a pulpiteer of unusual ability. To me he is really an assistant pastor. He is available for supply work, and I cordially suggest that any pastor or church in Louisiana or Mississippi in need of pulpit supply at any time contact him at his home in Natchez, or call or write the office of the First Baptist church here."

## Home Board Emphasizes Jewish Evangelism

By John Caylor

At the May meeting of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta Miss Lucille McKinney, native of North Carolina, was appointed field worker in the department of Jewish evangelism. This reinforcement of the department headed by Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus is a welcome move on the part of the Board.

Miss McKinney was converted while a student in Campbell College, Buie's Creek, North Carolina. She studied in Union University and Baptist Bible Institute. She interspersed her college and seminary student days with mission work during the summers. After her graduation she became home missionary serving among the Chinese in Phoenix, Arizona, from which position she is transferred to the department of Jewish evangelism. Miss McKinney expressed the deep conviction that the Lord was leading her into the new field of service. Her headquarters will be in the Atlanta offices of the Home Mission Board.

As associate in the department of Jewish evangelism, Miss McKinney will devote most of her time to the promotion of Friends of Israel groups in the churches throughout Convention territory.

### A NEW BOOK ON THE JEWS

The department of education and publicity announces a new book which has just come off the press. What of the Jews? by Jacob Gartenhaus is a discussion of the Jewish problem, the Jew in history, why Christ for the

Jew?, a new approach to an old problem, and a new day for the Jews.

Dr. Gartenhaus made a visit to Palestine last summer and revised a manuscript which was prepared for publication last year but was held in abeyance until he could re-write certain portions in the light of his recent visit and in the light of present-day occurrences in Palestine.

The new Gartenhaus book contains 128 pages and is in paper edition only. It is available in the state Baptist book stores.

### NEW MISSION BUILDING

Architects' drawings were approved and an appropriation of \$90,000 was made to enter into contract for the building of new quarters for the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans. This project was promulgated some months ago but complete plans and acceptable bids were delayed until recently. The new building will be erected on the ground where the old buildings of the mission are now located. Miss Gladys Keith is superintendent of the Rachel Sims Mission and is assisted by a corps of consecrated and efficient helpers. The new building will be of great help in the missionary work of the Home Board in the New Orleans area.

### NEW MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

Mrs. Camara Guerra has been appointed kindergarten teacher at Pharr, Texas, to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Miss Esperanza Martinez.

Rev. Jesus Rios becomes missionary-pastor of the Mexican Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California.

To fulfill requirements for the establishment of a child's replacement agency in connection with the Woman's Emergency Home in New Orleans, the Home Mission Board elected Mrs. Jesolyn Gaspar as dietician and housekeeper and Mrs. C. E. LaPrairie as social worker, and recognized Dr. Rena Crawford as pediatrician, Dr. T. D. Sellers as obstetrician, and Mr. A. W. Merritt as attorney for the agency. The latter three are to function on the staff of the child replacement agency without salary.

Rev. A. E. Pardue, who has been city superintendent of missions in Baton Rouge for a number of years, has been named by the executive board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention as state superintendent of the city mission program.

Rev. W. T. Edwards has been named by the Alabama State Board as rural worker in the central district of Alabama in co-operation with the Home Mission Board program of rural evangelism.

Rev. George Lamken has been named superintendent of missions in Madison County, Illinois, as one of the workers in the co-operative mission program.

### EDITORIAL ASSISTANT RESIGNS

Mrs. Mildred Dunn, who has served during 1948 as editorial assistant in the department of education and publicity, found it necessary to resign her position with the Home Mission Board in order that she might be near her mother, who has been hospitalized in Missouri.

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Skipper and Mrs. Frank Pates, of Biloxi, were host to W.M.U. Circle 2 of the First Church on a fishing trip into the Gulf last week. Mrs. Pates is chairman of Circle Number 2. Among the visible results were four lemon fish averaging 40 pounds each which were caught by Mrs. Charles Heath, Mr. Pates, Mrs. Pates and Mrs. G. C. Hodge. Others caught smaller fish and everybody caught sunburn.